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MEMORIAL ADDRESS

DELIVERED AT THE FUNERAL OF MRS. MARY WRIGHT VAIL

By Rev. E. W. Caswell.

Mrs. Mary Wright Vail was born in the town of Smyrna, Delaware, September 28, 1814, and peacefully passed away, after a brief illness, March 7th, 1901, in her 88th year. Mrs. Vail was united in marriage to Alexander M. Vail, in the year 1832. Her husband entered into rest a little more than nineteen years ago.

The surviving children are, Mrs. Jacob H. Emerson, Mrs. Andrew E. Crow and Mrs. Mary Appleton. Soon after her marriage, she removed to Middletown, where she continued to reside till called to her Eternal Home. Sister Vail united with the Bethesda M. E. Church at the age of nineteen, and was one of its most consistent and devoted members during the entire period of her long and eventful life.

Among the beautiful qualities of her character was that of her disinterested devotion for the welfare and happiness of those about her. She seemed to be among us as one that ministered to the needy and suffering, wherever found. Her devotion to the loved ones of her home was a distinguishing characteristic of her affectionate nature. She was unostentatious, humility and meekness marked and adorned her life. She rarely referred to her own doings or attainments, but ever exalted the love and mercy of Christ. The more the grace of God abounded in her life, the more she could say, "I am less than the least of all saints," and the humblest and poorest child of God always felt at home in her presence.

From the hour that Sister Vail was stricken with her fatal illness, she was unable to converse with the members of her household. The devoted children from day to day, listened longingly for the loving tones of Mother's familiar voice, but farewell words were not to be spoken,—no dying testimony given. The long, deviled life spoke louder than words with the inexpressible eloquence of silence. At last, she did give her testimony, just before her happy spirit took its flight, she spoke in the unutterable cast of the blessed Saviour, while all is earthly passing out of sight, the richer residence is coming into view. It is like a shock of corn, golden and beautiful for the garner. Some of you have seen those wonderful paintings, entitled "The Voyage of Life." The first is the babe in the cradle, coming out from the mystic cave, with an angel holding the tiller; the second, the young man standing in his boat, holding the tiller himself; while before him there is that impossible castle in the air which his imagination has built, toward which he is looking; the third, the man in midlife, coming to the very edge of a great cataract, the clouds above black and the lightning flashing out of them, while he stands firm and strong, with a courageous hand upon the tiller; and, last of all, the boat upon the smooth bosom of the river, as a child rests its head upon the bosom of its mother, and before him, not the dreams of childhood, but, through the rift of clouds, the angels calling him up and onward. As the aged voyager gazes upward, along the gleaming beams of light that flash down upon him from the city of God, how often he exclaims: "Beautiful heaven where all is light, Beautiful angels clothed in white, Beautiful strains of music never tire."

Beautiful hymns that all the choir, There shall I join the chorus sweet, Worshipping at the Saviour's feet."

Our beloved mother Vail often expressed herself as anxious to go home. Life in some measure had become a burden, the body a clog, holding down her beautiful spirit, which, like a bird of Paradise, longed to spread its pinions, that it might fly away and be at rest. She delighted in her loved ones; these were the only cords that seemed to hold her, but, at last, they could hold her no longer. A voice called her, a divine voice, to come to that home of the soul, where the weary rest, where separations are unknown, where night and shadows flee away, where unfading flowers bloom, where the river mens life, where the leaves of the trees are for healing, where light and love and beauty are everywhere. That is the only real home, never to be disbanded.

It is a beautiful thought that Jesus, immediately after the resurrection, sought a place where he might meet the beloved disciples and the dear friends of his ministry. So it will be with the mourning ones in this household, when you go home, like the Master, you will look quickly for mother and the loved ones and they will look for you. Oh, what a meeting that will be—what a gathering up of severed friendships: Not on Galilee's shores, nor on Olivet's gentle slopes, but on the golden sands of the shore of the sea of glass, before the Eternal Throne.

"Then weep not, if you love her, that her tedious toil is done, Weep not, if you love her, that her holy rest is won. There shall be gladness in your thoughts and smiles on your brow; For will she not be happy there? Is she not happy now?"

And you who learn to talk of her, and after many years, The tears which you shall shed for her will not be bitter tears; When you shall tell each other, with a fond and thankful pride, In what purity she lived and in what peacefulness she died."

Her eyes are no longer dull, but see clearly the King in His beauty. Her ears are attuned to the most sensitive sounds of heavenly music. Her soul is in the clime of unweariness. Her sky will always be cloudless, Her home will remain unbroken through eternal years. Her friends will always be friends, with no possibility of separation by death or misunderstanding and misrepresentation. She will never hear words spoken of depreciation, insinuation or defamation; the sins of the tongue are shut out of heaven, "for without are whosoever loath and maketh a lie."

It is said that Wendell Phillips' love for his mother was a passion. Her one counsel for him was to be good and do good, and he never forgot to keep his trust when his mother first taught him to place it. The distinguished Garibaldi, speaking of his mother, said:

"Often, amidst the most arduous scenes of my tumultuous life, I have in fancy seen her on my knees, before the Most High my dear mother, imploring for the help of her son, and I have believed in the efficacy of her prayers."

You dear ones, have had such a mother. The memory of her life will ever be blessed and the hope of reunion always an inspiration. To you she seems the best woman in the world; as such, she will be enshrined in your affections. She is your angel mother now and although her lips are silent, she will speak to you in the memory of her sweet ministries and in the beauty of her character and you can well exclaim,

"She led me first to God, Her words and prayers were my young spirit's dew. For when she used to leave The fireside every eve, I knew it was for prayer that she withdrew.

How often has the thought Of my mourned mother brought Peace to my troubled spirit, and new power

The tempted the repel: Mother, thou knowest well!

That thou hast blessed me since my natal hour."

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, when eighty-one years of age, wrote to his old comrade and friend, John C. Whittier, who was then past eighty-four, saying, "We are on deck together, as we began the voyage of life, two generations ago. The life of a whole generation passed and found us in the cabin, with a goodly company of crew. Then the craft which held us began going to pieces, and all the scars, all the smoke of battle will be transfigured in the beautiful light of God, and will appear as angels to convey your spirit to the skies."

Behold yonder celestial company: See those who have exchanged prisons for palaces; Patmos for Paradise—the head of martyrdom for a crown of glory; passing through seas of their blood to reach the Canaan of eternal rest. One day, weary pilgrim, that shant shall rank the ranks of those sacred heroes, cast all your burdens at the feet of Jesus and hear him say once more, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

Rest on the bosom of your God. Rest in holiness and holy employments. Rest from blasted hopes and broken hearts, from falling leaves and withering flowers, "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

"Number thy lamps of love, and tell me now How many can't thou relight at the stars, And blush not at their burning? One, one only,

Lit while your pulses by one heart kept

And fed with faithful fondness to your grave!"

Who sometimes with a hand stretched

Steadfast through all things, near when most forgot,

And with a finger of unerring truth,

Pointed the lost way in thy darkest hour.

One lamp, thy mother's love, amid the stars Shall lift its pure flame changeless, and before The throne of God burn through eternity.

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HOMES FOR THE PREACHERS.

Following is the list of conference homes:

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

Official List of Homes Provided for the Preachers and Official Visitors of the M. E. Conference, Which Convenes at Seaford, Del., on March 20th.

Active preparations are now being made for the session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, to be held in Seaford M. E. Church, commencing March 20. The program is now being prepared and will be announced next week.

The Rev. W. L. S. Murray, president of the Wilmington Conference Permanent Fund Association, announces that the annual meeting of the association will be held in the Seaford Church on the evening of March 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

HOMES FOR THE PREACHERS.

Following is the list of conference homes:

OFFICIAL VISITORS

Bishop D. A. Goodell, D. D., at parsonage.

A. B. Leonard, D. D., with L. N. Bottelle.

E. M. Mills, D. D., with P. H. Rawlins.

W. P. Thorlkield, D. D., with T. R. Harper.

W. A. Spencer, D. D., with F. A. Shipley.

Meade, D. D., with L. N. Rawlins.

W. K. Kelley, D. D., with T. N. Buttelle.

T. B. Neely, D. D., with E. Cuttingham.

George E. Reed, D. D., with B. D. Quinby.

W. F. McDowell, D. D., with B. D. Quinby.

Phoebe George A., with Samuel Elliott.

Filchard, S. N., with G. F. Callaway.

Poole, L. W., with J. E. Willey.

Poole, W. C., with Captain W. R. R.

Adams, F. X., with Captain S. Hearne.

Nees, G. R., with M. Andrews.

Nelson, E. H., with Harry Brown.

Northup, N. P., with J. Frank Willey.

Nutter, M. H., with J. W. Harris.

O'Brien, T. G. H., with H. E. Elliott.

Otis, J. P., with S. P. Willey.

Otten, J. P., with John Willey.

Outen, J. P., with John Willey.

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SOME EFFECTS OF CANTEEN-CLOSING

If Chicago newspapers speak the truth the evil effects which were anticipated from the abolition of the military canteen have shown themselves with signal promptness at Fort Sheridan, the important regular army post in the vicinity of the Illinois metropolis. The "Inter-Ocean" remarks that if the estimable persons who induced Congress to sweep away the canteen could have visited this post last week, when the first pay day under the new system occurred, they would have reason for modifying their ideas to marked extent. It says:

"They would have found all the old and several new saloons filled with soldiers drinking and gambling in the company of vile characters of both sexes. Later in the night they would have found in the Fort Sheridan barracks more drunken sleepers and more men absent without leave than have been recorded for years. For some years the difference between pay day and other days has not been visible to the ordinary visitor. Soldiers who liked beer were able to get it in reasonable quantities at the canteen at any time, and few celebrated pay day with a debouch. On Thursday, however, such men flocked to the Highwood saloons, and many of them spent their month's pay in a night. Disorder was general and fights were frequent."

There is no ground for questioning the essential correctness of this picture. What has been seen at Fort Sheridan is likely to be witnessed at all other posts where a considerable number of troops are gathered and where drinking places and disorderly resorts are within easy reach. General Otis has been loudly quoted by the opponents of the canteen in their successful assault against that institution. Now the former United States commander in the Philippines is reported as saying:

"I was strongly opposed to the army canteen when first proposed, but from investigation I found that it worked so much better than I expected that I was compelled to endorse it. Under that system the profits went to buy delicacies for the men's tables. Now the men spend more and the profits go to the owners of private gin-mills."

This calls attention to a phase of the question about which little has been said. While the canteen, according to the testimony of an overwhelming majority of army officers, distinctly promoted temperance, order and discipline it had another important, if incidental result, in furnishing a fund from which all the soldiers, whether they were beer-drinkers or not, were able to purchase many comforts and luxuries for their mess-tables. This source of income is now obliterated, and it is asserted that President McKinley and Secretary Root have been anxiously consulting with military officers in the hope of finding some way to make the deficiency good without burdening the Treasury too heavily.

Just how this is to be done does not appear. But it is already evident that Congress made a serious mistake when it voted to destroy the soldiers' club in response to the demands of well-meaning citizens who were totally unacquainted with the practical conditions and necessities of army life.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON DEAD.

General Benjamin Harrison died at 4:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, without regaining consciousness. His death was quite and painless, there being a gradual sinking until came the end, which was marked by a single gasp for breath as life departed from the body of the great statesman.

The relatives, with a few exceptions, and several of his old and tried friends, were at the former President's bedside when he passed away at his magnificent home at Indianapolis.

The gradual failing of the remarkable strength shown by the patient became more noticeable in the afternoon, and a few moments before the end there was an apparent break down on the part of the sufferer, as he surrendered to the disease against which he had been so bravely battling for so many hours.

The change was noticed by the physicians and the relatives and friends who had retired from the sick room to the library below were quickly summoned and reached the bedside of the general before he passed away.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson and all others of the bereaved family of the late Mrs. Mary W. Vail desire to express their thanks and gratitude to their many friends for the many kindnesses extended them during the illness and death of their beloved mother.

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BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

In All, There Were 238 Bills Passed by the Last Session of the General Assembly. These are among the 238 bills passed by the Legislature:

To extend the terms of office of the members of the Board of Education of Wilmington.

Providing for the appointment of a deputy municipal judge for Wilmington.

For the improvement of the Christians river.

Concerning railways on West Ninth street in the city of Wilmington.

Authorizing the business of barbers in the city of Wilmington.

Authorizing the Levy Court of New Castle county to borrow \$20,000 to complete Seventh street bridge, Wilmington.

Fixing bulkhead, pier and wharf lines on the Delaware river opposite Wilmington.

Wilmington High School loan bill, authorizing the borrowing of \$150,000.

Authorizing the mayor and Council to borrow \$50,000.

Authorizing a loan of \$60,000 for the streets and sewers of Wilmington.

Authorizing a loan of \$80,000 for the parks of Wilmington.

Increasing the membership of the Department of Elections of Wilmington to five.

Making Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday.

Providing a new method for apportioning the school fund.

Amendments to the general incorporation law, and the law to provide revenue for the State.

Fixing the time for holding school elections in the various districts on the last Saturday in June.

Taxing unimproved vacant lots in Harrington.

Abolishing the age and color column in the registration books.

Repealing the law appropriating \$1,500 annually to the Delaware State Fair.

Increasing the maximum tax for road purposes in Brandywine hundred.

To increase the salary of the Levy Court commissioners of Kent county.

Requiring road commissioners in New Castle county to keep itemized accounts of expenditures.

Fixing 21 years as the minimum age qualification for voting for church trustees.

Fixing the salary of New Castle county at \$5,000 a year.

Enabling applicants for liquor licenses to make affidavit out of court.

Increasing bond of the secretary of State to \$25,000.

Requiring exporters of oysters to pay a State license.

Concerning the embezzlement of trust funds.

To appoint two State detectives.

Authorizing the satisfaction of mortgages by the duly-accredited attorneys of corporations.

To increase the salaries of the members of the State judiciary.

To authorize the road commissioners of St. Georges hundred to borrow \$10,800 to fund the floating debt.

Appropriating \$25,000 to Delaware College for building purposes.

To increase to \$3,000 the annual appropriation of the Delaware Industrial School for Girls.

Legalizing corporate surety for State, county and municipal officers.

To amend the law taxing manufacturers (Board of Trade bill).

In relation to actions for injuries or death from negligence or violence.

To give cities and town one-third of the liquor license fees collected by the State therein.

Concerning water and light commission for Georgetown.

Protecting the property of railroad companies from trespassers.

For the protection of birds and their eggs and nests.

Appropriating money to pay sundry claims.

Providing for the appointment of a deputy coroner for New Castle county.

Appropriating \$601.61 to the late secretary of State.

Autorizing the sale of county land at Georgetown.

Fixing the Delaware Railroad Company's State tax at \$10,000 a year.

Fixing the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad Company's State tax at \$500 a year.

Fixing the Wilmington and Northern Railroad Company's State tax at \$500 a year.

Taxing the Kent county almshouse for school purposes.

Relieving the city of New Castle of the payment of taxes to the road commissioners of New Castle hundred.

Changing the terms of grade certificates of teachers and abolishing provisional certificates.

Extending the time for the completion of the New Castle County Workhouse.

Appropriating \$6,000 for the improvement of schoolhouses for colored children.

Incorporating the Delaware Guaranty and Trust Company.

Appropriating \$800 annually to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Extending the time for collecting unpaid taxes in New Castle for 1898.

Prohibiting carp fishing in the Delaware river and tributaries in June, July and August.

Providing life imprisonment or capital punishment of kidnapers.

For the maintenance of free libraries in towns of the State.

Abolishing the office of State detective.

Authorizing the use of an indelible penel or crayon in marking ballots.

To guard against the prevalence of tuberculosis among the lower animals.

Providing that the clerk of the peace shall be a member ex-officio of Kent County Levy Court.

Providing for the punishment of defendants in execution or attachment process, who remove goods under execution or attachment.

Increasing the salary of the governor, and secretary of State's stenographer.

Providing the sale of oleomargarine as butter.

Increasing the appropriation and the powers of the State Board of Health.

Increasing the appropriation for the pathological and bacteriological laboratory.

Concerning the attachment of wages for board and for certain debts.

Providing corporal punishment for wife-beating.

Exempting the Sarah White Home from taxation.

Providing for voters' assistants at elections.

Requiring constables in New Castle county to wear badges.

Appropriating \$1,000 for the State Board of Agriculture, to make an exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition.

Increasing the compensation of the Trustees of the Poor in Kent county to \$2.50 daily.

For the further protection of women in settling estates.

Reorganizing the New Castle county Levy Court on a seven commissioner basis.

Appropriating \$625 for the burial of indigent soldiers.

To amend the charter of Milford.

Regulating the business of barbers in the city of Wilmington.

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Appropriating \$6,000 to the State Colored Students.

Providing life certificates for teachers in certain cases.

Doing away with justices' certificates in the case of colored persons applying for marriage licenses.

Giving the Board of Pardons power to summon witnesses.

Readjusting the taxes to be paid annually by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Providing for free ambulance service in Wilmington.

Abolishing the investment tax affidavit.

Increasing the governor's contingent fund.

Legalizing live bird shooting matches.

Appropriating \$124,000 to the Delaware State Hospital at Farmhurst.

Making Saturday half-holiday in banks in St. George hundred.

Prohibiting the erection of frame buildings on Lookerman street in Dover.

Authorizing the governor to appoint a sheriff patrol for New Castle.

The whole number of bills introduced in the Senate was 115 and in the House, 360, a total of 457. Sixty-eight of the Senate bills and 170 of the House bills passed.

Mr. John Guessford lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

Mrs. Katie Hutchinson has returned from a visit to Clayton.

Mr. John Ellis has returned from a visit among his Philadelphia friends.

Rev. Albert Chandler has a glorious meeting at Hurlock. We are very glad.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.20 and 10.20 a. m.
4.16 and 6.02 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.11 and 11.50 a. m.; 5.54
6.16 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows:

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.20 a. m., 3.55 and
5.40 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 5.10 p. m.
For Newark—8.50 a. m., 5.20 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earville and Bassa-
fras—9.15 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 16, 1901.

Local News.

Many of our farmers have moved to new homes during the week.

Seed in Peas, Corn, Beets, Radishes, Etc., at W. T. CONNELLEE'S.

300,000 Early Cabbage Plants for sale.

J. C. STEEL, Florist, Middletown, Del.

Mr. J. Crossland has moved to one of the new dwellings of Mrs. G. W. Peterson on East Main street.

The J. C. Parker & Son Co., are so pressed with orders that it is necessary for their workmen to make overtime.

LIME! LIME! Lime!

For best Wrightsville Lime get prices from John W. Jolls before purchasing.

DETECTIVES.—Men wanted, experience not necessary; if experienced state particulars. Enclose stamp. Box 125, Philadelphia, Pa.

The John Denny has moved from the farm on North Broad Street, occupying the dwelling recently vacated by Mr. James L. Collins.

Arrangements are being made for a pool tournament among the members of the Hose Company, at the Hose House in the near future.

A meeting was held Friday evening at the office of Warren & Cochran, to arrange for the Easter dance. The date will be announced next week.

Miss Eliza Hurn has removed her dress-making room to the Transcript building, (second floor,) where she will be pleased to see her old customers.

DIAMOND CONDITION POWDER for the hair and restores a healthy condition, 15 cents a pk. at PEARNON'S PHARMACY.

Messrs. Z. T. Bradley & Son are making extensive improvements to the Kennedy building on North Broad street, and will convert the building into offices.

If you are looking for good cheap groceries go to the cut grocery store. The best of everything in my line at very low prices. Also a full line of Millinery.

Miss E. F. INGRAM.

Rev. E. W. Caswell has selected the subjects for the Sunday services at the M. E. Church as follows: Morning—"The Mercy of God." Evening—"Jehovah Jireh"—The Lord will provide.

Mrs. L. C. Scott entertained a number of her young friends Monday evening. Music was the principal feature of the evening. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening spent.

If we are to judge from what we hear and see, there will be many changes in Middletown on the 25th, and the housewife who has the task of moving to perform, will be among our busy bees for the next ten days.

The beautiful floral design representing a clock, the gft of the children of the late Mrs. Mary W. Vail, who was buried last Monday, was a piece of work that our florist, Mr. E. J. Steel may well feel proud of. It was not bought but made by our local florist.

The fixtures for the new post office arrived in town yesterday, and workmen are busily engaged in placing them in position. Postmaster Joller expects to move to his new quarters the first of the coming week, and the new post office will be both modern and convenient.

The large public sale of Mrs. Mary C. Reed, Friday, was well attended, and the prices realized were very satisfactory. Mrs. Reed has rented the dwelling vacated some months since by Mr. John Armstrong on North Broad street, and will move in town in a few days.

HAVE just received a portion of our Seed Potatoes, including the Michigan, Main Holten Roe. These are the genuine Holten Roe Potatoes. Prices will be found very satisfactory, as we bought in large quantities and are able to sell very reasonably.

MIDDLETON EXCHANGE STORE,
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At the Glass Blowers entertainment in the Opera House, Wednesday evening, Miss Estella Suydam was awarded a prize in one of the contests. Thursday evening in the contest for the "ugliest jewel in town," Mr. Alfred Muhlbarger was voted the honor. Mr. Muhlbarger was called to the platform, and after a few fitting remarks accepted the jewel, concluding with a song and dance, which was much enjoyed by those present. Al is hard to lose.

FOR SALE—1000 bushels Northern grown "Early Rose" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 500 bushels "Crown Jewel" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 700 bushels "Early Beauty of Hebron" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 100 bushels White Onion Sets, at \$2.50 per bushel. 100 bushels Yellow Onion Sets, at \$2.25 per bushel. 900 bushels Cow Peas, at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel. 1000 bushels Western grown Clover Seed, at \$6.50 to \$7.00 per bushel.

J. E. HOLLAND,
Milford, Del.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary W. Vail on Monday was well attended, and the remarks by her pastor, Rev. E. W. Caswell, will be found on the first page of this issue. Rev. Alfred Smith was also present, and made some very impressive remarks, as did the Rev. Alfred T. Scott, of Wilmington. The floral gifts were very handsome. The design given by her children was a large clock with the hands pointing to the hour which the devoted mother departed this life—12:30, and the word "Mother" inscribed thereon. A bunch of 87 carnations from Miss Bessie Crouch was very handsome, there being one for each year of Mrs. Vail's life. A bunch of white calla lilies, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bratton; sheaf of wheat, Mrs. B. S. Clark; wreath of violets, Mrs. William Horsey; sheaf of wheat and white roses, Mrs. H. J. Ellison; a bunch of white and pink carnations, Mrs. Annie Taylor and Mrs. Edgar Clark; a bunch of pink la France roses. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Ritchie; cut flowers, Mrs. A. G. Cox. The bearers were: Messrs. G. E. Hukill, A. G. Cox, M. B. Burris, J. C. Parker, G. W. W. Naudain and J. F. McWhorter.

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Mr. B. F. Lippincott is building an addition to his stable near Lockwood street.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling on Lake street, now occupied by William Dixon, Apply to E. S. JONES.

Advance Steam Laundry, office opposite W. S. Letherbury's. Work guaranteed. Goods delivered.

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VAUGHAN'S NERVE TONIC.—Best Spring medicine, purifies the blood, cures indigestion, 300,000 Early Cabbage Plants for sale.

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Mr. J. Crossland has moved to one of the new dwellings of Mrs. G. W. Peterson on East Main street.

The J. C. Parker & Son Co., are so pressed with orders that it is necessary for their workmen to make overtime.

LIME! LIME! Lime!

For best Wrightsville Lime get prices from John W. Jolls before purchasing.

DETECTIVES.—Men wanted, experience not necessary; if experienced state particulars. Enclose stamp. Box 125, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for tomorrow evening is "Christ Our High Priest." Heb. 7:24-28. Leader, William B. Kates.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for tomorrow evening is "Christ Our High Priest."

Rev. F. H. Moore is enjoying this week at Atlantic City.

Mrs. C. P. Gears, of Smyrna, visited friends here yesterday.

Mrs. Charles A. Ritchie was in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Miss Martha C. Heaton is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Mr. William H. Brady is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. P. Wilson, of Townsend, paid us a pleasant call on Thursday.

Governor Hunn attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary V. Vail on Monday.

Mrs. H. V. Parvis and daughter, Miss Grace, were in Wilmington this week.

"Squire" William R. Reynolds was in Wilmington and Philadelphia, Tuesday.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson has accepted a position with H. Ingram & Co., this town.

Mrs. James McGowan and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls visited Baltimore relatives on Sunday.

Miss Daisy McAlister who has been visiting Miss Ada Cochran on South Broad street has returned to Brooklyn.

Mr. William H. Mason, representing the Manufacturers' National Bank, of Baltimore, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Maggie Smith attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend, at Townsend, Thursday evening.

Messrs. J. S. Crouch and J. L. Shepherd have returned home from a week's visit to Washington, D. C., Old Point Comfort and Richmond, Va.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD,
S. M. REYNOLDS, Actr.

Phone No. 5.

Mr. James H. Burrows will open a pool room in the rear of the store room recently vacated by Mr. John Armstrong. The pool room will be opened to day, and during the coming week Mr. Burrows will move his cigar store and news stand to the old stand on West Main street.

Mr. John B. Boulden, residing near town, lost his pocketbook containing \$160 last Saturday. Mr. Boulden had been in Philadelphia, and the last time he had occasion to look for his pocketbook, was when buying his ticket at Broad Street Station. He did not know of his loss until he reached Middletown, and at last reports had not recovered the book.

The next session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference will convene in Grace Church, Wilmington, instead of Seaford as first proposed. The State Board of Health discovered that there are about 50 cases of varioloid in Seaford and it would therefore be unsafe to have the large number of ministers go to the town. On our first page will be found the names of the members of the conference, also the names of those who were to have entertained them at Seaford, which was in type and printed before the change was announced, and a correction could not be made at that late hour.

BETHESDA SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday School has taken on a new lease of prosperity, and now bids fair to occupy the proud position it once maintained, as one of the best organized and most flourishing Sunday Schools in the Wilmington Conference. New classes are being formed under the care of competent and experienced teachers, special attention being given to young men and adults. Two new departments have been instituted, the "Cradle Roll Department," in which all children under the age of three years will be enrolled; and the "Home Department," which seeks to look after all persons who cannot attend the regular sessions of the school. Those who become members of the "Home Department" are furnished with the lesson leaf and supplies, they agreeing to study the lesson at least one-half hour each week. A Sunday School choir and orchestra will be organized. The school is now at work on a very beautiful Easter program, called the "First Easter Story," the music of which will be rehearsed tomorrow. All persons are cordially invited to become members of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Sunday School.

JOHNSON & STOKES' Garden and Flower Seeds, two packages for 5 cents, regular 5 cent size, at W. T. CONNELLEE'S.

PORT PENN WAVES

C. C. Conard spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Frank Reynolds, of Odessa, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Frederick Williams was entertained by Odessa friends on Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Bolton, of Middletown, was the guest of his parents on Sunday.

Miss Effye Berry has been entertaining northern friends.

Mr. Eugene Clark, of Elkton, is the guest of his parents here.

The sale of Mr. Samuel Wilson on Monday was well attended.

Mrs. Susan J. Smythe has returned from a visit to Crumpton friends.

The two most popular things now are rummage sales and societys.

Mr. Frederick Williams was entertained by Odessa friends on Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Bolton, of Middletown, was the guest of his parents on Sunday.

Miss Jennie Braden, of Odessa, was in town on Monday.

Mr. George W. Ingram, of Middletown, was a visitor on Monday.

Mr. James Padley, of McDonough, was in town on Saturday evening.

Mr. Elmer Bender has moved to the house vacated by John Gannon.

Mr. Thomas Davis and brother, of Blackbird, spent Saturday in town.

Miss Ida Lord, of Princess Anne, Md., is visiting her aunt, Miss Emma Lord.

Mr. Russell Eaton, of the U. S. Quarantine Station, spent Saturday with his family.

Mr. W. H. Moore, of Middletown, spent Monday with his brother, James F. Moore.

Messrs. Abraham Vandegrift and Garret Sheldon were in Middletown on Monday.

Messrs. John Weist and J. Warner Brockson, of Odessa, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yearley were presented with a fine baby girl, named Dorothy May.

Miss Lewis, principal of the public school, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Glasgow.

Mr. Augustus Lynn, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with Joseph Moore and family.

Membership tickets are one dollar and subscriptions can be paid to Miss Marion Cochran or member of the Century Club.

The Transcript wishes the ladies success in their undertaking.

MEMPHIS LIBRARY

Middletown is soon to have a library.

The movement was recently started in this direction by the ladies of The New Century Club and is meeting with general approval. There are several book clubs in town but their memberships are limited and the need of a good library has long been felt, when the membership ship can be much larger.

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PERSONALITIES

Mrs. S. Emlin Massey is at Claymont.

Mr. David Leebem has returned from Wilmington.

Miss Florence Gill has returned from Wilmington.

Mr. B. P. Wilson, of Elkton, was in town Monday.

Mr. William Waller, of Dover, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Emerson was in the Quaker City, Thursday.

Mr. Walter Green, of Wilmington, was in town Sunday.

Miss Adda J. Ford is the guest of Philadelphia friends.

Mr. Theodore Kumpel was in Philadelphia, Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Bradson was in Philadelphia, Wednesday.

Miss Nan Hardcastle has returned from a visit to the West.

Mr. John W. Watkins, of Smyrna, was in town yesterday.

Mr. W. R. Holten spent Sunday with Philadelphia friends.

Mr. F. L. Cates spent several days of this week in Newark.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Collins, Rev. G. P. Jones and wife, Rev. Joseph Buckson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. William Naylor, Mr.

Middletown Directory

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.
President, G. W. W. Naudain; Secretary,
George G. Rad; C. H. Howell, Wm. A.
Cochran, David J. Allen.

BANKS.

Peoples National Bank—President, G. W. W. Naudain; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Teller, W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens National Bank—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Crouse; Teller, F. Davis. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets first Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 7 o'clock.

Damson Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Hepasposa. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in Hall of Elks, at 8 o'clock.

Upton Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W. Meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

THE CHURCHES.

Bethel Church, Rev. E. W. Caswell, Pastor. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 12 p.m. Bible Class every evening at 7:30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Every Sabbath morning at 7:30 a.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christmas Party every Friday night at 8 p.m. Every Sabbath morning at 6:45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 p.m.

Forest Presbyterian Church—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a.m. and every Sabbath evening at 7:30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Every Sabbath evening at 7:30 a.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christmas Party every Friday night at 8 p.m. Every Sabbath morning at 6:45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 p.m.

First Protestant Episcopal Church—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10:30 a.m. Every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a.m. Evening services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning Every Sabbath at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Friday at 2:30 p.m. 7th Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Daily Bible Class at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Saturday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p.m.

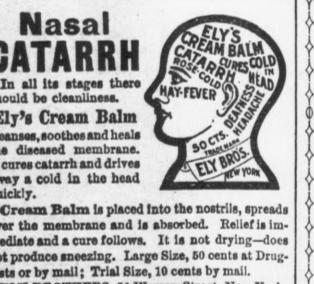
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